1-neo. 29 (R) भारत सरकार समीरेन्द्र चैटजी GOVERNMENT OF INDIA S. CHATTERJEE जनजातीय कार्य मंत्रालय संयुक्त सचिव MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS शास्त्री भवन, नई दिल्ली-110001 Joint Secretary विशेष सचिव (व्यार्थक)/Spi.Secy SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001 कृ० सं ० Tele/ਟੇलੀ : 3383622 Si. No. Fax/फैक्स: 3073607 D.O. No. 20025/17/2002-SG&C 22.01.2003 Dear Sir, As you are aware, the National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation(NSTFDC) came into being on 10.04.2001 consequent on the bifurcation of the erstwhile National Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation(NSFDC) to provide focused attention for the economic development of the Scheduled Tribes. The NSTFDC provides financial assistance by way of term loans through various State level Channelising Agencies (SCAs). However, for a variety of reasons, including increasing overdues against the present SCAs, it has been observed that there is a need to broad base the existing network for channelising of funds by including Established Voluntary Agencies (EVAs)/Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) of repute as channelising agencies which might help reaching out to a large number of ST beneficiaries, besides ensuring that the ST communities of the States having overdues are not deprived of the benefit of availing concessional financial assistance through the NSTFDC. I am enclosing a detailed note on the appointment of Established Voluntary Agencies(EVAs) as the channelising agencies in respect of the Schemes and programmes of the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation(NSTFDC). I shall be grateful if you could make available to us the para-wise comments of the State Government/UT Admn especially the stand of the State Governments in respect of **point 4** at the earliest to enable us to take further action on the matter. With regards, Yours sincerely, (S. Chatterjee) Shri Pradeep Singh Chief Secretary Andaman & Nicobar Administration Port Blair